

# Stars And The Moon

Jason Robert Brown

I met a man without a dollar to his name  
Who had no traits of any value but his smile  
I met a man who had no yearn or claim to fame  
Who was content to let life pass him for a while  
And I was sure that all I ever wanted  
Was a life like the movie stars led  
And he kissed me right here, and he said,

"I'll give you stars and the moon and a soul to guide you  
And a promise I'll never go  
I'll give you hope to bring out all the life inside you  
And the strength that will help you grow.  
I'll give you truth and a future that's twenty times better  
Than any Hollywood plot."  
And I thought, "You know, I'd rather have a yacht."

I met a man who lived his life out on the road  
Who left a wife and kids in Portland on a whim  
I met a man whose fire and passion always showed  
Who asked if I could spare a week to ride with him  
But I was sure that all I ever wanted  
Was a life that was scripted and planned  
And he said, "But you don't understand –

"I'll give you stars and the moon and the open highway  
And a river beneath your feet  
I'll give you day full of dreams if you travel my way  
And a summer you can't repeat.  
I'll give you nights full of passion and days of adventure,  
No strings, just warm summer rain."  
And I thought, "You know, I'd rather have champagne."

I met a man who had a fortune in the bank  
Who had retired at age thirty, set for life.  
I met a man and didn't know which stars to thank,  
And then he asked one day if I would be his wife.  
And I looked up, and all I could think of  
Was the life I had dreamt I would live  
And I said to him, "What will you give?"

"I'll give you cars and a townhouse in Turtle Bay  
And a fur and a diamond ring  
And we'll be married in Spain on my yacht today  
And we'll honeymoon in Beijing.  
And you'll meet stars at the parties I throw at my villas  
In Nice and Paris in June."

And I thought, "Okay."  
And I took a breath  
And I got my yacht  
And the years went by  
And it never changed  
And it never grew  
And I never dreamed  
And I woke one day  
And I looked around  
And I thought, "My God..."

I'll never have the moon."